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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

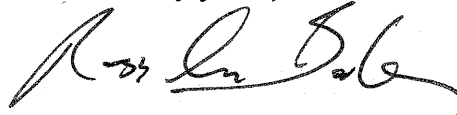
**Re: *Tariff to Provide Rate Reductions to Offset a Portion of the 2002 Tax Credit,
TRA Docket No. 02-00145***

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and 13 copies of United Telephone Company's Responses to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's April 10, 2002 Request for Information. Also enclosed is an additional copy of the Responses, which I would appreciate your stamping as "filed," and returning to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed above.

Very truly yours,



Ross I. Booher

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Herbert R. Bivens (w/ enclosure)

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- 1) Does United Telephone currently receive high-cost support from the Federal Universal Service Fund? If so, please provide responses to the remaining requests.

United does receive high-cost support from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

- 2) Provide the total amount of Universal Service high-cost support received for calendar years 2000 and 2001.

2001 USF High Cost is \$177,716 and 2000 USF High Cost is \$0.

- 3) Provide the company's cost per line as calculated for Universal Service high-cost support purposes for 2000 and 2001.

2001 Study Area Cost per Loop is \$407.37 and 2000 Study Area Cost per Loop is \$275.88. However, United was an average schedule company and did not receive any high-cost support.

- 4) Provide the USOA Account Number(s) in which Universal Service high-cost support payments are booked.

The USOA account in which Universal Service High Cost support is booked is account 5082-2000.

- 5) Provide the company's current cost per line as calculated for Universal Service high-cost support purposes.

The current cost per line is estimated to be \$440.17.

- 6) What year's cost are used to compute the company's current cost per line reported in item no. 5, above?

This is a projection done by NECA and is based on December 31, 2000 numbers.

- 7) Approximately when (month and year) will actual costs for 2002 be reported (or true up) to NECA for use by the FCC in computing the company's cost per line and the national average cost per line for Universal Service high-cost support purposes?

United will true up their costs by July 31, 2002.

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- 8) In what year will the company receive Universal Service high-cost support payments based on the 2002 costs reported in item no. 7, above?

Universal service filings made on July 31, 2002, which are based on December 31, 2001 numbers, will be paid out in 2003.

- 9) What year's costs were used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2001?

The 2001 USF payments received by United are based on a filing made on July 31, 2000 using December 31, 1999 numbers.

- 10) What year's costs are being used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2002?

The 2002 USF payments that United is receiving are based on a filing made on July 31, 2001 using December 31, 2000 numbers.

- 11) What year's costs will be used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2003?

The 2003 USF payments that United will receive will be based on a filing made on July 31, 2002 using December 31, 2001 numbers.

- 12) What year's costs will be used to determine the company's Universal Service high-cost support payments for 2004?

The 2004 USF payments that United will receive will be based on a filing made on July 31, 2003 using December 2002 numbers.